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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims 3 and 4 as follows:

Claim 3, ~~line~~ 2, delete "one";

~~line~~ 2, change "of Claims 1 and 2" to --Claim 2--.

Claim 4, ~~line~~ 1, delete "one";

~~line~~ 2, change "of Claims 1 to 3" to --Claim 3--.

Please add new claims 5-7 as follows:

5. An ultrasonic vibration apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a flexible filler whose hardness is lower than that of said casing is filled in said groove.

6. An ultrasonic vibration apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ultrasonic vibration apparatus is used for an ultrasonic sensor.

7. An ultrasonic vibration apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said ultrasonic vibration apparatus is used for an ultrasonic sensor.--

REMARKS

The multidependency of the claims has been canceled and new single dependency claims have been substituted therefor.

Consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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